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To the Committee,

I cannot sufficiently express my horror and objection at the notion of a law reform which would permit late-term abortions.

As a registered midwife and nurse who cares for women and their unborn children, it is my privilege to ensure the health and wellbeing of both mother and child from early pregnancy through to newborn days. A significant proportion of pregnancies, however, result in pre-term birth, with the baby being promptly admitted to special care nurseries to be cared for until strong enough to be taken home by their parents. It is my delight to care for these tiny, prematurely born humans, and observe the range of personalities expressed by these unique little individuals as I go about my shift, as it is also to care for these babies' later-born future classmates on the regular postnatal floor.

It is with sickening contrast that I read of proposed changes that would allow this defenceless population to simply be disposed of. It defies logic that one child born early is tenderly cared for and nurtured by loving parents and attentive, trained health professionals; whilst another child of the same gestational age is callously killed, or left to die. How can we possibly in good conscience judge that one child's life is more worthy of love and care than the next? And how can such abominable acts ever be a foundation for the furthering of our society?

I know I speak for many Queenslanders in this email- please, heed our voice.

Sincerely,

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